



COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE

Top Policy Priorities Presented to the Health and Human Service Committee of the County Council October 10, 2019

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Overview:

The mission of the Commission on Child Care is to advise the County Executive and County Council on the development, implementation, and effectiveness of government policies, programs, and services that enhance community support for quality, affordable and accessible child care.

2019-2020 Commission on Child Care Priorities

The Commission will advance its mission in FY 20 through a focus on the following priorities:

- **Priority 1:** Restore Working Parents Assistance (WPA) funds to prior levels and update subsidy tables to increase reimbursement amounts per family
- **Priority 2:** Focus on workforce development; restore and increase the County's professional development fund for early childhood and work through the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to implore the Maryland State Department of Education to restore the state child care professional development fund
- **Priority 3:** Inform county policymakers about issues involving before and after care programming provided by private, public and county programs. The CCC specifically continues to ask:
 - To be included in all meetings related to the CUPF process to reevaluate Executive Regulation 6-17AM
 - For greater transparency in the CUPF selection process
 - For child care professionals to be represented on the selection committee
 - A re-evaluation of the principal's role in the selection process

The Commission greatly appreciates your consideration of its priorities when making policy and budget decisions.